

# Blue Drop Certification

## **Background:**

Blue Drop Certification (BDC) programme is the regulation tool introduced by DWEA with the aim of restoring the trust of the general public in the quality of tap water, by certifying the water quality of a municipality. These assessments and audits are done annually to determine who qualifies for Blue Drop Certification.

## **Blue Drop Requirements**

Over and above the normal operational Requirements for Water Works, DWEA had introduced the following criteria for 2010 Assessments: **See Annexure A**

Blue Drop status is awarded to municipalities scoring 95% against the tabulated criteria in Annexure A

## **GTM assessed on 22nd January 2010.**

DWEA was assessing all municipalities in Limpopo for Blue Drop Status at MJ Gateway outside Polokwane on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

Out of 9, GTM managed to furnish criteria 1-7 with full and satisfying information and data hence full points were collected. Information for criteria 8 and 9 were not fully supplied as some data like operational budget was not divided according to number of Water Works. Agreement to submit the remaining information and data are to be furnished before 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

The second assessment will take place at the Water Works on the date to be announced by DWEA. Blue Drop Certificate will be awarded to deserving municipalities in Durban during WISA conference from 18-22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010.

In their records DWEA Limpopo region, there is no municipality in Limpopo that had been awarded this prestigious award. Should Limpopo touches this award, it must be through GTM.

***“If not us, who? And if not now, when?”***

**Annexure:A**

No	Criteria	Weight	Indicators
1	Water Safety Plan	5%	Plans that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Assessment done for Water works, Catchment and distribution.</li> <li>• Implementation of the plans and facilitations</li> </ul>
2	Process Control, Maintenance and Management Skills	10%	Registration of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Works</li> <li>• Process Controllers and supervisors.</li> <li>• Proof of qualifications for both Maintenance and Production.</li> <li>• Operational Manuals, designs and drawings for all mechanical, electrical and civil.</li> </ul>
3	Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Programme	15%	Details of sampling sites; determinants and frequencies
4	Drinking Water Sample Analysis (Credibility)	5%	Provide proof and the Name of the laboratory used. (SANAS) Accredited laboratory.
5	Submission of Drinking Water Quality Results	5%	Proof of Data submitted to DWEA (12 months)
6	Drinking Water Quality Compliance	30%	Figures of determinants and number of Analysis; 99% compliance in microbiological requirement.
7	Drinking Water Quality Failure Response	15%	Proof of documented Drinking water Incident Management Protocol: provide evidence of implementation of the protocol.
8	Publication of Drinking Water Quality Management Performance	5%	Annual publication of drinking water quality performance against the requirements of SANS 241; copy of the publication required.
9	Drinking Water Asset Management	10%	Proof of the Annual Process Audit Implementing process optimization: Proof of complete, updated assets register.